

# Senate Study Bill 1206 - Introduced

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION BY CHAIRPERSON SWEENEY)

1 A Concurrent Resolution designating the American cream  
2 draft horse as the official state horse of the State  
3 of Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, the American cream draft horse is the only  
5 draft horse breed native to the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the American cream draft horse is a breed  
7 that traces its bloodline back to a mare named "Old  
8 Granny", which is believed to have been foaled in Iowa  
9 around the turn of the last century, first appearing  
10 in records from a farm sale in the city of Jewell, in  
11 Story county, Iowa, in 1911; and

12 WHEREAS, the breed was recognized by the Iowa  
13 department of agriculture in 1950, based on a 1948  
14 recommendation by the national stallion enrollment  
15 board; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1944, the American cream horse  
17 association of America was chartered by Mr. C.T.  
18 Rierson, and his assistant Mrs. Karene (Bunker) Topp,  
19 of Radcliffe, Iowa, the culmination of almost 40 years  
20 of interest in creating a new breed of American draft  
21 horse; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1993, members of the organization voted  
23 to amend the organization's articles of incorporation  
24 to change its name to the American cream draft horse  
25 association; and

26 WHEREAS, the American cream draft horse is  
27 immediately identifiable by its cream coat, pink skin,

1 and amber-colored eyes, specific traits of the famous  
2 champagne dilution gene; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1990, genetic testing found that,  
4 compared with other draft breeds and based upon gene  
5 marker data, the American cream draft horse formed a  
6 distinct group within the draft horses; and

7 WHEREAS, the breed is closely associated with  
8 Iowa's farming heritage — having a wide chest;  
9 sloping shoulders; a short, strong back; well-muscled  
10 hindquarters with strong, well-proportioned  
11 legs set well apart; strong hooves; and a gentle  
12 disposition; NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the American cream  
15 draft horse is designated and shall be officially known  
16 as the state horse of Iowa; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the director of the  
18 department of cultural affairs is directed to cooperate  
19 with the American cream draft horse association to  
20 obtain appropriate pictures and other representations  
21 of the American cream draft horse and shall display the  
22 pictures and representations in an appropriate place in  
23 the state historical museum; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the editor of the Iowa  
25 official register is directed to cooperate with the  
26 American cream draft horse association to include an  
27 appropriate picture and commentary of the American  
28 cream draft horse in the Iowa official register along  
29 with the pictures of the state rock, state flower,  
30 state bird, and state tree.